

Kiowa County Commissioners Meeting  
Courthouse Lower Level Conference Room  
February 29, 2016

John Unruh, Bert Lowery, Ron Freeman, Kristi Cooper, Mitzi Hesser, Cody Sherer, Matt Christenson, Kathy Headrick, Nathaniel Enfield, Cayden Pore, Deb Schibler, Rhonda Fernandez, Bob Ahrens, Heather Coyne, Franklin Ruff, Jeff Guy and Jay Schmidt attended the meeting.

Consent agenda included: Agenda AP reports, PR reports and 2/16/16 minutes  
After the Prayer was given, John opened the meeting.  
Bert moved to approve the consent agenda and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Kathy Headrick, Nathaniel Enfield and Cayden Pore came to present a presentation on the Kiowa County Impact program they have for the Junior High students and sixth graders at the Kiowa County School. They each spoke about impact and explained what they are about. Next they informed the Commissioners their next project is "Stamp out Starvation" and explained what they would be doing and explained to the Commissioners they could support the program by three ways, such as spread the word, contribution or help package the food for the program. After their presentation John informed they would talk further and the Clerk would let them know. They all left at 9:11.

Jay Schmidt came forward at presented a payroll change for R Koehn for a merit increase or 2%. Ron moved to approve the payroll change and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Other items discussed were the two Cat generators they have on the items to be sold and after some discussion John suggested to keep them and to have one hooked up at the community building and R&B and asked Jay to get a quote from Sagebrush. Next they talked about Haviland Blacktop, Teepee study completed and new signs received.

Steve Heft arrived at 9:26 and John Riggins arrived at 9:29.

John Riggins came forward and presented the bid sheets. At 9:30 the Clerk presented two bids for the 51<sup>st</sup> Ave low water crossing from Heft and Sons and L&M Contractors. John read the following bids;

Heft and Sons - \$89,510.73  
L&M - \$98,123.00

Ron moved to accept the bid from Heft and Sons for \$89,510.73 and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next John presented the Notice of award for the project on the 51<sup>st</sup> Ave low water crossing for signature.

Bruce Foster arrived at 9:39.

Mitzi Hesser and Deb Schibler arrived at 9:42.

Jay continued with R&B discussion at added about selling the Sterling Truck and Ron asked if he felt he could use another belly dump instead of a different dump truck and Jay agreed.

Jay left at 9:48

Mitzi came forward and presented State KDHE grant application for \$16,323.24 for signatures. She explained these would be for the immunization action, emergency preparedness and State Formula program. John moved to approve the grant application and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next she showed a plaque they had received for having the breast feeding policy for Kiowa County. Mitzi left at 9:50

John called for a break at 9:50 and regular session began at 10:00.

Scott James arrived at 10:01 and Franklin Ruff left at 10:01.

Deb Schibler came forward to present information for the Kansas Workforce annual report. She explained the program and what they have done for the communities in Kiowa County and also asked the Commissioners to sign an agreement for the Kansas Workforce that Scott had revised and after some discussion John moved to sign the agreement and Bert seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Jeff Guy arrived at 10:08.

While they waited for Rhonda Fernandez to arrive John moved the Commission discussion up and they discussed the lighting on the front of the courthouse and by consensus they agreed to take down the lights and to place extra lighting elsewhere so the birds would not make such a mess on the front steps. Next they talked more at the Stamp out Starvation. John suggested to contribute \$100 towards it and to allow the employees who would like to assist in packaging the meals to receive pay. Bert moved to approve and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Rhonda Fernandez arrived at 10:34.

Rhonda came forward and presented the employee benefit review and went over it with the Commissioners. Once done with the review John moved for an executive session for non-elected personnel at 10:48 and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular session began at 11:03 with no action taken.

Matt Christenson and Cody Sherer arrived at 11:03.

Rhonda left at 11:09

Matt came forward and presented a payroll change for A. Taylor for a merit increase of 2% since Ray was unable to attend. Bert moved to approve the payroll change and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Next Matt asked to reimburse A Taylor for her cell phone like the other employees who receive this and Bert moved to reimburse \$50 per month and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0. Matt left at 11:21.

Cody Sherer came forward to present quotes for a new Ford F550 4X4 Cab and Chassis from Mel Hambelton Ford \$42,045, Newberry Family Motors \$42,308 and Lanterman Motor \$44,107. After some discussion they asked Cody to get with Lanterman regarding the 5% break in price and come back with their figure.

Bob Ahrens arrived at 11:28.

Next Cody informed them that they had a few items to sell and he asks if he could list it with Scott Brown with an Ag auction and by consensus they agreed.



Cody left at 11:35

Kristi Cooper presented tax corrections for approval and they asked her to get ahold of the appraiser office for explanation.

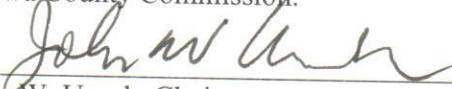
Heather Coyne arrived at 11:41.

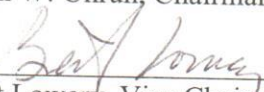
Heather and Bob came forward to ask permission to set a storage shed at the Commons building and by consensus they approved.

Kristy Zenger came down to discuss the tax corrections. After she explained them Bert moved to approve the tax corrections and Ron seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24.

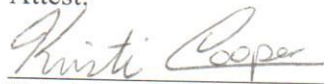
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John W. Unruh, Chairman

  
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Bert Lowery, Vice Chairman

  
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Ron Freeman, Commissioner

Attest:

  
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Kristi Cooper, County Clerk